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## The World of Tabletop Is Going Towards a Painted Garden Aesthetic

Garden lovers and artists will revel in these painterly pieces.

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*DEUTSCHE BLUMEN VASE (BOTTOM LEFT) AND TABLESCAPE (TOP RIGHT), BECKY LUIGART-STAYNER; PRODUCT, COURTESY OF BRANDS*

The garden acts as a source of inspiration for many creatives, but real magic happens when an artist is enchanted by a garden. Just think back to artists like Claude Monet and the Impressionist plein air movement. He's known to have said, "I perhaps owe having become a painter to flowers."

Now, nearly a century and a half since Impressionists were the talk of Paris, artists are picking up their brushes to create intricate, delicate compositions on a different canvas: tableware. Elegant, painterly designs easily apply themselves to the most dainty pieces of tableware. Lighter-than-air glasses touched with the artist's hand, dessert plates covered in peonies, and a tea set inspired by painted pieces of the past are just a few of our favorites from this utterly timeless "trend." Using techniques and materials that have long been staples of the trade, such as Limoges porcelain, artists are creating delightful compositions that beautifully combine the old with the new.

Here, our favorite tabletop items that highlight the painted garden look flawlessly.

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Illustrator Tatiana de Nicolay composes an intriguing paradise on this stunning water pitcher. The graceful branches with birds and the pink-hued glass are cheerful additions to your spring table.